

Red House Park Friends Group
8th January 2007
Meeting Notes

Sarah Carter, Chair, opened the meeting at 7.00p.m..

1. Present

Jason Cross	Jean Jones
Steve West SMBC	Jackie Ward
Ray Wheatley	Josh Bannister
Sonia Vaughan	Frances Paisley
Mark Ballantyne	Phillip Paisley
Bill Gunn	Carole Calloway
Christine Horton	Guy Hale

2. Apologies

Jenny Hale
Glen and Dawn Williams
Cllr Tony Ward

Stephanie Page
Mrs. Gorton
Mrs. McGibbon
Cllr Mary Wilson

3. MUGA and Monument

Steve West will give us an update on the above at the next meeting.

4. The Dog Fouling Act

Carol Calloway asked for the 'Friends' view on the following points

- a) Should one person be restricted to the number of dogs they take for a walk at one time.
- b) Should there be areas of the park where dogs are excluded.

The Friends came to the following conclusions.

- a) There should not be a limit to the number of dogs taken out by one person, as long as they are in control of the dogs.
- b) Dogs should be excluded from the Children's Play Areas and the Tennis Courts and kept on a lead around the lakes.

5. Model Boats on the Lakes

Mark Ballantyne came to the group meeting to ask if model boats would be allowed on the lakes. They would not have a petrol engine, electric only. In the area on lakes that boats are allowed it is Clubs only and MB wondered if the Council would allow individuals to use the lakes. Steve West said he would make enquiries and report his findings at the next meeting.

6. Roses in the Flower Beds

At the Fun Day it was stated that the monies raised from selling cakes would go to replanting the rose beds. CH asked what the current position was. SC said that it had been put on hold because of the uncertainty of the Red House. However it was decided to go ahead with the planting.

SW said that he could buy bare rooted plants through the council at very competitive rates and RW said he could get the beds dug over and manured. Various members said that they would come and help with the planting of the roses. SW said that the Council were prepared to share the cost of a new Acacia Tree with the Friends Group

7. '106' Monies

The Group are still trying to establish where exactly the 106 monies have been spent. SW said that he had spoken to David Brown in the Finance Section and he is currently sorting it out and a full report will be available for the next meeting.

8. The Red House

After much discussion it was decided to send out one thousand letters to local householders asking them to write and complain about the selling off of the Red House to Developers. It was agreed that the letter would take the format of a form which just needed a signature. As far as possible the members of the Group would actually give the letters to householders asking them to sign and it would prompt more replies. If not they would be pushed through doors and forms returned to the members house so they can be taken altogether to the Council and the Group would be able to see how many replies were received.

9. The Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19th February 2007 at 6.45p.m.